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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: Overview of 2021 big game and antlerless permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2021 bull elk and buck pronghorn hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2020 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2021 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2021 bull elk and buck pronghorn permit recommendations**:

- 1) We recommend 15,000 spike elk permits and 17,500 any bull permits, as defined in the statewide elk plan.
- 2) We recommend no changes to the number of youth any bull elk permits (500 permits).
- 3) We recommend adding 41 limited-entry bull elk permits, increasing from 2,948 permits to 2,989 permits. This increase is primarily from the addition 158 permits being offered in the new September archery and HAMS hunts.
- 4) We recommend adding 26 buck pronghorn permits, increasing from 1,147 permits to 1,173 permits.

